completion of the project will take 36 months from the date of award of the work. The proposal is being processed for obtaining the necessary approval from the Public Investment Board and the Cabinet.

Foreign Equity for Privatisation of Airports

*468. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI:

DR. M. JAGANNATH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering any proposal to permit 100% foreign equity for privatisation of airports on built operate transfer (BOT) principle;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this system is also likely to be introduced in air traffic services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to this effect is under consideration.

(b) The modalities are being worked out.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Incomplete Railway Projects

*469. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway projects costing more than Rs. 100 crores that have not been completed as per their targetted time schedule along with the details of the targetted completion time of each of these projects;

(b) the details of the cost overrun in respect of the projects running behind their respective targetted time schedule; project-wise; and

(c) the details of the present position of the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c)

List of Projects costing more than 100 crores where there is cost over run

S.No.	Name of Work	Cost		Target		Status
		Original	anticipated	Original	Revised	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Lines						
1.	Jogighopa-Guwahati	427	635	6/94	12/98	The work is in progress. Delay has been due to technical problems in the foundation of 2 piers. Target for Jogighopa Goalpara-December'97 and balance Dec. '98
2.	Talcher-Sambalpur	220	337	12/95	12/97	Talcher-Angul and Sambalpur-Maneswar sec. have since been completed the balance work is in progress. Target to be c.ompleted within 97-98.
3.	Jammu-Udhampur	195	327	3/97	12/99	Jammu-Bajalta sec. completed. In the rest of the portion work is progressing and is likely to be completed by Dec '99. There has been delay due to law and order situation and contractual problems.
4.	Guna-Etawah	158	256	Not fixed	03/02	Work is in progress. Guna-Khajuri & Panihar-Sanichare opened. Target for Khajuri & Sanichera-Bhind—Dec. '98.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5.	Godhra-Indore Dewas Maksi	297	297	-do-	Not fixed	Work in progress on Dewas Maksi section and would be completed by Dec. '99.
Gauge Conversion						
6.	Guntur-Guntakal-Kalluru	216	367	12/98	12/98	Nandyal-Guntakal completed on 31.3.97. Remaining section by 31.12.98.
7.	Mudkhed-Adilabad	108	110	12/95	3/98	The work has been taken up under BOLT and is now expected to be completed by March '98.
8.	Secunderabad-Dronachellam & Secunderabad-Bolarum	217	283	12/96	12/97	Work is in progress. Secunderabad-Bolarum and Secunderabad-Mehboobnagar have already been completed and balance target is Dec '97.
9.	Hospet-Hubli Goa	408	522	12/98	03/97	The work has been completed.
10.	Gondia-Chandafort	159	215	12/96	3/98	Gondia to Nagbir 131 kms. has already been completed. For balance portion target is March '98.
11.	Madras-Trichy	200	300	Not fixed	3/98	The work is in good progress and targetted for 31.3.98.
12.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad	280	540	3/96	3/97	The work has been completed. The residual work in Sabarmati and Ahmedabad yard are in progress.
13.	Rajkot-Veraval	100	153	03/96 (Prop.)	12/99	This work has held up due to a survey for diverting the line near the Gir forest. This work is now being taken up.
14.	Arisikere-Mangalore	186	219	06/97	12/98	Arisikere-Hassan section has been completed and commissioned on 20.8.96.
Doubling						
15.	Sonenagar-Mughalsaria	139	230	3/94	12/98	Work is progressing well. 05 block sections have been completed and 04 more would be completed in 1997-98. The entire work is targetted for completion by Dec '98.
16.	Kuppam-Whitefield	108	105	4/97	Not fixed	The work has been taken between Kuppam to Whitefield and will be completed in coming years.

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Name of Projects	Cost (Rs. in crores)		Target		Remarks
	Original/ Sanctioned	Revised/ Sanctioned	Original	Revised	
17. Design & Const. Dum Dum Tollyganj	140.30	1640.00	Dec 1978	March 1998	Line opened to traffic on 27.9.95 and minor residual works are in progress.
18. Extension of Rly. lines from Mankhurd-Belapur with a bridge across Thane Creek and ancillary facilities on harbour branch.	132.15	440.87	-do-	-do-	Line opened to traffic in phases on 16.6.93. Residual works are in progress.
19. Construction of MRTS line from Madras Beach-Luz	108	259	03/94	6/97 (5.05 Km)	Madras Beach-Chepauk is in operation since 16.11.95 in phases.
Railway Electrification					
20. Bokaro-Barsuan	195	-	3/97	12/98	Due to failure of contractor.
21. Sitarampur-Mughalsaria	287	-	3/98	12/99	-do-

[English]

Exodus of Executives of DSP

*470. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether majority of the executives have left the Durgapur Steel Plant after receiving training on the company's expenses resulting in a set back to the plant's expansion programme;

(b) if so, the number of the executives who have left the Durgapur Steel plant so far;

(c) the reasons for the exodus of the executives; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (d) Majority of the executives have not left the Drugapur Steel Plant (DSP) after receiving training on the company's expense. However, ever since the specific training for modernisation in DSP started in 1992-93, 2046 executives have been given training, of which 73 have left the company (till 31.3.1997). The reasons for leaving inter-alia include personal reasons, joining other organisations, etc. The expansion programme of DSP has not received any set back on this account.

[Translation]

Setting up of Tourism Industry and Trade Board

*471. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion has been made by the task force of Planning Commission to set up a Tourism Industry and Trade Board for promotion of tourism;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which the action is likely to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to constitute a Board of Tourism Industry and Trade as a part of the National Strategy for Tourism Development. The Minister for Tourism will be the Chairman of the Board and its members would consists of the Secretaries of different Central Departments, representatives of various industry associations and other professionals.

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*472. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Air Traffic Control